

THE CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS ON THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

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Inaugural Event with Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist

Dear Colleague:

As Co-Chairs of the Congressional Caucus on the Judicial Branch, we would like to invite you to our inaugural event.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist

The United States Supreme Court

Thursday, May 20, 2004 1:00 p.m. in H-327

MEMBERS ONLY

RSVP Required

Earlier this year, Chief Justice William Rehnquist released his 2003 Year-End Report on the Federal Judiciary. In the report, the Chief Justice chose to focus on the relationship between the Judicial Branch and the Legislative Branch and what he believes was a breakdown last year of the traditional interchange between the Congress and the Judiciary.

While the two branches certainly have distinct roles, we agree with Chief Justice Rehnquist that consultation with the Judiciary can only improve the work of both branches, given that each possesses a unique perspective. As Members of the House of Representatives with a strong interest in improving the relationship between the legislative and judicial branches, we have formed a congressional caucus dedicated to this goal.

The bipartisan Congressional Caucus on the Judicial Branch is committed to working with the judicial branch on issues that come before Congress that directly impact the Judiciary, including addressing the need for additional judgeships, analyzing proposed sentencing reforms and changes to civil procedure, responding to judicial vacancies, assisting with judicial compensation, and securing funding for additional courthouses and other priority projects.

To <u>RSVP</u> for the Chief Justice Rehnquist event or to <u>JOIN</u> the Caucus please contact Phil Tahtakran of Rep. Schiff's office at 5-4176 or Melissa Guido in Rep. Biggert's office at 5-3515.

Sincerely,

ADAM B. SCHIFF

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